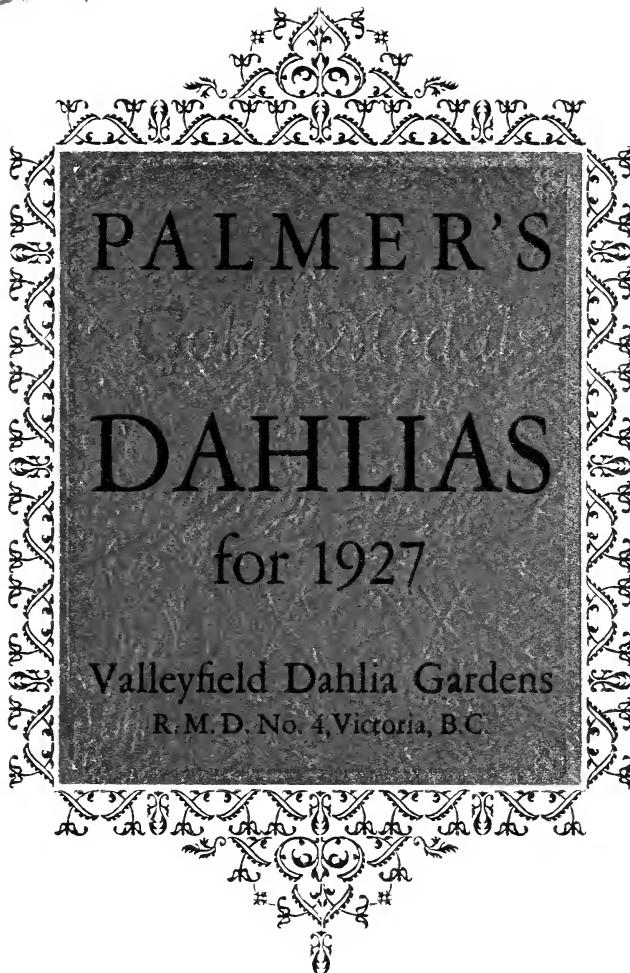


Historic, Archive Document

Do not assume content reflects current scientific knowledge, policies, or practices.

63.01





How to Grow Dahlias

Many people believe that Dahlias are hard to grow. As a matter of fact they are as easily grown as potatoes, and have very few pests or diseases. In fact, we have had clumps of discarded Dahlias left in a dark cellar all summer without any soil whatever, which have thrown out sprouts of five or six feet in length, with a tiny bloom on the end. This in itself proves that the Dahlia will give you of its best if given half a show.

Any good garden soil is suitable for Dahlia growing. Spade the soil deeply; if soil is sandy, a shovel full of well-rotted manure may be incorporated with it; otherwise use little, if any, fertilizer before plants begin to bud. If soil is very heavy, add sand or coal ashes or straw.

Lay tuber down FLAT with eye upward, about six inches deep, and cover with two inches of soil, gradually filling to level as plant progresses. If it is desired to avoid staking the plants, pinch out the top just above the second or third pair of leaves. This causes the plant to branch. If left to grow naturally to full height, which after all is best, you will have to stake them, as they will attain a height of six to ten feet under favourable conditions.

Cultivate well until buds appear, then stop all cultivation except light raking after rain or watering, just enough to break the crust of the ground. This is important, so be sure to do this.

When buds appear, spread manure or fertilizer around plant and rake lightly into the soil.

Unless weather is very dry and hot, do not begin watering until buds appear, then SOAK the ground thoroughly (not sprinkle, as this is worse than doing nothing) about every week or ten days. Cut off all faded flowers to keep plant blooming.

For large blooms, pinch off all buds in each cluster but the strongest.

When frozen down in autumn, cut stakes off at the ground and dig CAREFULLY so as not to break the necks of any tubers, for the eyes for next season's growth are found only where the tuber joins the crown. Be sure and store in a FROST PROOF CELLAR, as they are easily damaged by frost. Turn clump upside down to enable all moisture in the hollow stalk to drain out, or decay may result. (When dug, stalk should be cut off about four inches above clump of tubers.)

In conclusion, we shall be glad to answer to the best of our ability, at any time, questions relating to Dahlia culture.



Our 1927

GREETINGS

To Our Dahlia Friends

WE HOPE all our customers experienced as successful a growing season as we did in 1926.

A most wonderful display of bloom in our gardens was prematurely destroyed by light frost on the night of September 19th, 1926, an exceptional occurrence, but with the glorious autumn weather experienced for six weeks afterwards, our dahlias grew to tubers instead of bloom, and as a result we have one of the finest crops of tubers ever harvested, and they are wintering splendidly.

The manner in which our customers, old and new, expressed their appreciation of our dahlia offerings and our prices, resulted in our dahlia business for 1926 being two and one-half times that of 1925, itself a record year.

For this we most sincerely and heartily thank all who contributed to this result, and we are again enabled to offer all the finest Gold Medal Dahlia Creations at prices we are sure will please, apart from the duty saved.

We should like to be able to print all the letters of appreciation of Valleyfield Gold Medal Dahlias received during 1926, but space will not permit.

We again urge on all the advantage of early ordering, as many of the newer sorts are soon sold out.

In conclusion, we wish to state that this spring, owing to additions and alterations to our storage space, we are in a position to ship orders on any date after April 1st that may be specified by customers. Previously we had been unable to ship till all our dahlias were taken out of storage and cut up. Very few require their bulbs before May 1st, as the best planting time is between May 1st and 20th, for dahlias are essentially an autumn flower, and should not be planted too soon if a good display of bloom is required in the autumn, but a number of our customers in the Prairie Provinces require theirs earlier owing to a short growing season, hence the arrangements previously mentioned.

May we wish you one and all a joyous and prosperous New Year, and a gorgeous garden in 1927 of

VALLEYFIELD GOLD MEDAL DAHLIAS

VALLEYFIELD DAHLIA GARDENS

T. W. PALMER, PROP.

R. M. D. No. 4

"Canada's California"

VICTORIA, B.C.



A display of PALMERS GOLD MEDAL, DAHLIAS, AND GLADIOLI, at Victoria Exhibition.
We wish we could show them to you in all their gorgeous colorings.

1927 Choice Novelties

Offered for the first time this season.

All orders for these twelve new varieties must reach us not later than April 10th, and they will be shipped around May 1st.

"ADDA PATTERSON" (Kemp)

One of the best white hybrid-cactus dahlias to date. The flowers are pure white, and average 8 to 9 inches in diameter. The plant is a beautiful grower, reaching a height of seven feet. The large blooms are held well above the foliage on stiff stems that can be cut four or five feet in length. A splendid keeper, and equally good for exhibition and decorative purposes. An all round white dahlia that will win in the keenest competition. Tubers, \$7.50.

"EDNA FERBER" (F. & M.)

An exhibition hybrid-cactus dahlia with an exceptionally fine stiff stem. Colour a glistening coral shading to old gold at base of petals. Petals curled and twisted making a very full flower. Medium to tall habit of growth, foliage dark green and thick. Awarded Cert. of Merit, D.S. of N.J., 1926. Tubers, \$10.00.

"JERSEY'S ELEGANS" (Waite)

A rich name for a richly coloured decorative. The colour is almost identical with Jersey's Beauty, but the form is quite different, a near hybrid-cactus type. The flowers are not large, but they are graceful and effective for vase decoration. Tubers, \$10.00.

"JERSEY'S EMPRESS" (Waite)

A new decorative, anthracene violet in colour. The flowers which are large have a very pleasing formation, the petals being narrow and wavy. The flowers have great depth and good substance, and the colour is almost sunproof. Tubers, \$10.00.

"LYNDORA" (Hall)

Decorative of medium yellow with suffusion of amaranth pink on the reverse, very large, form ideal, having long wavy petals which show just enough of the pink in reverse to brighten and illuminate the entire flower; stem good, growth strong, producing tall robust bushes. One of the outstanding introductions of 1926. Awarded Certificate of Merit at the trial grounds of the American Dahlia Society at Storrs, Conn., and at the New Jersey State Trial Grounds at New Brunswick, N.J., in 1925. Tubers, \$10.

"MARMION" (Tyler)

This decorative dahlia is of such enormous size and great depth that it immediately attracts attention either in the garden or at the exhibition. Colour is pure golden yellow with a bronze suffusion on reverse of petals, and has a deeper bronzy tone on the high full centre and an outline of same shade around each petal, enhancing the beauty of the flower, and giving it an unusual appearance. Florets are long, wavy and curl in such a fashion as to eliminate any hint of coarseness. Form is perfect, stem stiff, foliage dark green and good bloomer. One of the outstanding dahlias of the season. Tubers, \$10.00.

GOLD MEDAL DAHLIAS — 1927

"MRS. FRANCES E. BULLARD"

(Broomhall)

A 1926 California decorative that is one of the greatest dahlias it has ever been our lot to grow. Listed as a peony dahlia by the originator, it grew a perfect decorative in the East. Colour is a beautiful light pink, lighter in centre of flower than on outer row of petals. Flowers are immense, and borne on long stiff straight stems. Height about 4½ feet. Highly recommended. Tubers, \$5.00.

"OLIVE REED"

(Seal)

This exhibition decorative dahlia is a clear and pure shade of yellow. Massive blooms of great substance are held well above the vigorous bush on strong and rigid stems. Tubers, \$7.50.

"PRIMULA REX"

(Broomhall)

Very light cream or primrose yellow. We regard this as one of the BEST DECORATIVE DAHLIAS IN EXISTENCE. The flowers are immense, with every good quality, far ahead of anything in its class or colour. Profuse bloomer, flowers easily measuring from 9 to 12 inches. Medium to tall habit of growth. Tubers, \$7.50.

"QUEEN OF THE GARDEN BEAUTIFUL"

(Garden Beautiful-Burns)

An enormous primrose yellow decorative. A strong vigorous grower with long straight tough stems. This dahlia was originated in "The Garden Beautiful" at San Quentin, the California State prison. Against keen competition at the 1925 California Dahlia Society show, twenty-five of these great blooms won the coveted Samuel W. Heller prize for the dahlia showing most pre-eminent merit. It has been awarded numerous prizes as the largest flower in the show. Tubers, \$10.00.

"ROSE FALCON"

(Marean-Harding)

A perfect deep old gold decorative that it will be hard to equal. Immense as to size but not in the least coarse or out of proportion and of wonderful keeping qualities. The stems are long and rigid, and hold the flowers up for the admiration of all. A glorious flower for cutting, for the garden and for exhibiting. It was the sensation of the Eastern shows this past year. Tubers, \$10.00.

"SANHICAN'S KING"

(F. & M.)

An exhibition decorative of a bright tawny gold, shading to a bronze centre; under electric light the colour is a beautiful apricot. Stems slender, black and stiff; tall growing plant, excellent keeper when cut. Very tight centres and back petals still good when flower is fully matured. Tubers, \$5.

Our 1927 offerings of late Novelty and Standard Dahlias



Decorative Dahlias

"AGNES HAVILAND"

Large flowers on strong stems, of perfect type; colour a rose pink slightly suffused with yellow; a fine variety. Tubers, \$1.00.

"ALEX WALDIE"

This is one of the best; very large flowers on fine, stiff stems; colour a creamy ground overlaid with delicate salmon-pink. Tubers, \$1.00.

"AMUN RA"

This is Jessie Seal's sensational seedling dahlia; a very large blossom on fine, stiff stems; colour a gorgeous shading of copper and orange and gold and deepening in the centre to a reddish bronze. Tubers, \$1.00.

"AUTUMN'S QUEEN" (F. & M.)

Not a large exhibition dahlia, but a beautiful autumn coloured flower produced on long stiff stems. Baskets of this variety exhibited at the various shows attracted a great deal of attention on account of its rich colouring. Tubers, \$1.00.

"BASHFUL GIANT" (Marean)

This is unquestionably the largest flowering dahlia ever produced; the gigantic blooms are excellent for exhibition where size is one of the requisites; it is also of great merit for its beautiful colour, being apricot with golden shadings. Flowers are produced on stout stems. Tubers, \$1.25.

"BERTHA JOST" (Jost)

One of the most beautiful decorative dahlias it has ever been our pleasure to grow, a soft yellow background with a pink suffusion, large flowers on upright stems. Tubers, \$1.75.

"BLACK JACK"

We have grown this new varitey and can recommend it highly. It is very large and has long stout stems; colour rich dark maroon, almost black. Tubers, \$2.50.

"BONNIE BRAE"

This is one of the best; colour cream, shaded blush-pink; immense flowers. Tubers, 75c.

"CALIFORNIA SUPERBA"

A large massive blossom of a beautiful pink which shades to a white centre; an extra fine variety. Tubers, \$1.75.

"CAROLYN WINTJEN"

Beautiful salmon-pink with rose shadings. Tubers, 75c.

GOLD MEDAL DAHLIAS—1927

"CHAMPAGNE"

One of the rare novelties; size is large, colour fine and stem holds the massive blossom very erect; colour is a dull golden champagne, varying to chamois. Tubers, \$2.50.

"DR. TEVIS"

A decorative of enormous size. Flowers measure 9 or 11 inches in diameter, held erect on long absolutely stiff stems. A lovely shade of salmon-rose suffused with gold. Flowers sometimes come single. Tubers, 50c.

"ELBERON BEAUTY"

As its name indicates, a beauty; a large exhibition flower of soft apricot shading to a slightly darker tone toward centre of the flower; held erect on a long cane-like stem. Tubers, \$1.00.

"EL DORADO"

An immense blossom of pure gold, a colour much in demand. This dahlia stands well out of the foliage, on strong, erect stems. One of our finest dahlias. Tubers, \$5.00.

"EMPEROR"

(Marean)

A maroon dahlia of the finest type, made up of long flat petals, colour does not spot under any weather conditions, and flowers of enormous size borne on long stiff stems. Exhibition variety. Tubers, \$1.00.

"EVA WILLIAMS"

An improved E. T. Bedford. Amethyst with slight silvery shadings, very full to the centre; exhibition flower with rigid stems. Fine bloomer. Tubers, \$2.50.

"FAITH GARABALDI"

(Boston)

A deep rose-coloured decorative shading lighter on the outer petals. A flower of great depth as well as large size, held up straight on a long stiff stalk. Always several splendid flowers on a bush, perfect closed centre, begins blooming early and continues until frost. Tubers, \$5.00.

"F. A. KENT"

(F. & M.)

A stag-horn type of exhibition decorative, large flowers of amaranth pink held on rigid stems well out of dark green foliage. Medium to tall habit of growth. A large flower of exceptional beauty. Awarded Cert. of Merit by D.S. of N.J., 1925. Tubers, \$4.00.

"GAYTON"

(Palmer)

A glorious new decorative of light reddish-orange, with gold shadings. Tall, strong growing plant. Petals flat, forming large exhibition bloom. Tubers, \$1.50.

"GIANT RUBY"

(Greinberg)

An extremely vivid red, classed as among the very best of red dahlias, exhibition type of flowers, full centre and good stem. Tubers, \$1.50.

"GILDA GRAY"

(F. & M.)

Petals of this decorative are of a pure lilac colour shading to a deep tyrian rose toward centre of the flower; this deepening of colour gives the effect of great depth and looks as though an artist had overlaid the original petals with velvet, if this were possible. Slender stiff stems; a very striking flower that is hard to describe. Tubers, \$2.50.

VALLEYFIELD DAHLIA GARDENS

"HALLOWE'EN"

Buff-yellow, shaded orange bronze, an extra strong grower; this plant needs plenty of room. Tubers, \$1.00.

"HERCULES"

(Marean)

Quilled of enormous size; the beautifully coloured flowers carried proudly on long stout stems; colour tangerine and deep yellow, the reverse of the petals is shaded tangerine and they are so placed that they blend in a most attractive way with the deep yellow of the flower. Exceptionally free bloomer and attracted the attention of every visitor at our fields. Tubers, \$1.00.

"HENRY MAIER"

The most beautiful all-round yellow decorative we grow, as it produces immense quantities of bloom, of excellent size, on splendid upright stems. A lovely buttercup-yellow, and one we know you will like. Tubers, 50c.

"INSULINDE"

Colossal flowers of a rich golden orange colour. Form of flower everything which could be desired. Admirable for cutting and exhibition. One of the very finest sorts ever produced. Won first honours at Los Angeles and New York. Tubers, \$1.00.

"JERSEY'S BEACON"

(Waite)

A decided novelty of Chinese Scarlet with a paler reverse, giving a two-toned effect. An exhibition flower of vigorous growth, excellent stem. Awarded silver medal for best seedling at exhibition of New York Horticultural Society, 1924. Tubers, \$5.00.

"JERSEY'S BEAUTY"

(Waite)

Received the highest award at the A. D. S., trial garden at Storrs, and several gold medals. A perfect bloom of Erosine pink carried high above the foliage on a long wiry stem; absolutely a perfect true pink. Tubers, \$2.00.

"JERSEYS' GEM"

(Waite)

Large exhibition dahlia of a pinkish-lavender, held erect on a cane-like stem well above the foliage. Received the A. D. S. Cert. 1923. Awarded the President's medal of The Dahlia Society of New Jersey for the best dahlia originated in New Jersey exhibited at the Newark show. Tubers, \$2.

"JERSEY'S JEWEL"

(Waite)

Very large long-petaled flowers of a beautiful mallow pink, fine stem. Splendid exhibition variety, especially for "Largest Class Entries." Cert. A. D. S., 1923. (Med. tall). Tubers, \$5.00.

"JOHN LEWIS CHILDS"

The greatest of the bi-colours. Yellow, suffused, striped and splashed with crimson scarlet, and generally tipped white. A massive bloom on good stem, and good cut flower. Tubers, \$1.00.

"JUDGE ALTON B. PARKER"

This is a grand exhibition variety, true form, and very large flowers; colour is a beautiful golden buff. Tubers, \$1.00.

GOLD MEDAL DAHLIAS — 1927

"JUDGE MAREAN" (Marean)

A large flower of perfect type; colour is a combination of salmon-pink, red, orange, yellow and gold. Free blooming on long, strong stem. Tubers, \$1.25.

"JUNIOR" (Seal)

An enormous flower of pure lavender. This huge blossom is a seedling of The Millionaire, but has greater width, if not so full. A useful dahlia in competition in the "Largest Dahlia Class." One of the most talked about dahlias exhibited at the American Dahlia Society's exhibition in New York, September, 1923. Tubers, \$1.50.

"KITTY DUNLAP"

In this we have the delightful shade of American Beauty Rose; very large and free bloomer, on the best of stems. Tubers, \$1.50.

"LADDIE"

Soft yellow shaded orange; the brilliant orange tint in the depth of this flower gives it a glowing appearance that is fascinating; the large flowers are produced in profusion and are always held erect on strong stems; a most desirable cut flower. Tubers, 75c.

"LAURINE" (Broomall)

A beautiful dahlia of a deep shade of pink; large flowers are held erect on splendid long stems. A strong grower and profuse bloomer. One of the very finest. Tubers, \$1.50.

"LEORA CREED"

A beautiful orange-pink decorative. Tubers, \$2.00.

"LIBERTY BOND" (Broomall)

A blending of buff, bronze and salmon shades, difficult to describe, resulting in a flower of surpassing beauty. The floral rays are long, plenty and unusually wide and thick, thus producing a flower immense in size, full in form, and irresistible in its rich charming colour. A vigorous grower, profuse flowering, with a wealth of foliage. A long keeper when cut. Tubers, \$1.00.

"MABEL THATCHER"

Large flowers of a pale yellow shade, are borne on stiff strong stems; they are of the finest type and considered the highest perfection attained in this shade. Tubers, \$1.00.

"MAIDA"

Known as the "Pink Insulinde." A beautiful rose-pink decorative, produced on the top of a long straight stem high above the foliage. Profuse bloomer and a very delightful exhibition or cut flower. Tubers, \$1.50.

"MARGARET MASSON" (F. & M.)

This dahlia immediately attracted the attention of all who visited our garden. Its beautiful silvery-rose-pink colour, great depth and size make it a wonderful exhibition flower. Good keeping qualities and fine upright stem. Notwithstanding its size, it is a profuse bloomer. It has received many awards. Med. tall. Tubers, \$4.00.

VALLEYFIELD DAHLIA GARDENS

"MARGARET WOODROW WILSON" (F. & M.)

A large decorative dahlia having broad petals well placed, terminating in points, making a very thick flower. Colour opalescent pink (meaning the reverse of petals are so coloured as to reflect a pink tone to the whole flower). Flowers held well out of dark green foliage on perfect stems. Medium height plant. Awarded Cert. of Merit by Dahlia Society of New Jersey, 1925. Tubers, \$7.50.

"MEPHISTOPHELES" (Marean)

As an exhibition flower this dahlia has no peer; enormous blooms held perfectly erect on gigantic stout stems; will keep for four days at an exhibition and continue to grow. Plants are of extraordinary vigour and free flowering. Colour is ruby-red showing an infinitesimal golden-yellow point at the very end of the petals, thereby greatly enhancing its effectiveness. Tubers, \$1.50.

"MILLIONAIRE" (Stillman)

Gold Medal Dahlia of the daintiest colouring. Most delicate lavender with a faint pink cast overshadowing it. The immense flower of unusual depth, stands erect on its stems. This is one of the largest dahlias grown. Tubers, 75c.

"MORELLA"

One of the outstanding dahlias exhibited at the A. D. S. show in New York, especially under artificial light. It is a real art dahlia of a bright apricot-buff colour. Flowers average 9 inches, and are held well above foliage on long graceful stems. Profuse bloomer. Tubers, \$3.50.

"MRS. CARL SALBACH"

Lavender-pink in colour, showing up well in the garden as the immense blooms are held erect on especially long stiff stems. Being a perfect exhibition as well as cut flower, make this dahlia greatly in demand. Tubers, 75c.

"MRS. GEO. W. ELKINS, JR."

A very large dahlia on fine stems; colour a beautiful shade of apricot-pink with gold suffusion. Tubers, \$1.50.

"MRS. I. DE VER WARNER"

A blossom of soft orchid colouring seldom appearing in the gay garb of the dahlia family. Refined deep mauve-pink; beautifully formed, exquisite shade and acknowledged by all dahlia experts who have had the pleasure of growing it, to be one of the finest dahlias ever produced. Very long, strong wiry stems, supporting an immense blossom. Tubers, \$1.00.

"MRS. JOHN T. SCHEEPERS"

This is a wonderful variety. The flowers are very large, on stout stems; colour is a clear canary yellow which gradually changes to a beautiful shade of pink suffusion on the outer petals. This is one of the best dahlias to date. Tubers, \$1.50.

"NOBILIS" (Coy)

A splendid large bi-coloured decorative with fine upright stems. The colour is a cream white shading to deep crimson at base of petals. In most plants the white predominates. In form and growing habits this is the counterpart of Earle Williams but is not so richly coloured. Tubers, \$1.

GOLD MEDAL DAHLIAS — 1927

"OUR COUNTRY"

(Stillman)

The main colour of this decorative dahlia is a very deep purple, while the florets are heavily tipped pure white. A very deep heavy flower with a never failing centre, colour running very uniform. Tubers, \$3.50.

"PAUL MICHAEL"

Probably the largest of the California decoratives, with a stem that carries the flower erect. Colour pure gold; size usually about 11 inches in diameter. A wonderful introduction. Tubers, \$1.00.

"POP STEWART"

(F. & M.)

Giant decorative. This is a remarkable flower of great size. In the young state the petals appear rosy-pink but as it matures the flower undergoes a complete transformation, toning out into a most exquisite shade of the purest lilac-pink. First prize for largest flower in Montclair Show, N.J. We can recommend it as one of the finest dahlias of its shade in existence. It is a wonderful grower, with splendid stem. Awarded Certificate of Merit, trial gardens, Dahlia Society of New Jersey, scoring 90 points... Tubers, \$4.00.

"PORTHOS"

This variety is the nearest in colour to blue yet found in a dahlia, being a deep lavender. It is certainly beautiful, and attracts unusual attention when exhibited. Stem is long and strong holding the flower upright. Tubers, \$1.00.

"PRIDE OF CALIFORNIA"

The finest red decorative. Very large flowers held on cane-like stems high above the foliage. A beautiful deep red of perfect form, exceedingly prolific and good keeper. Tubers, 50c.

"PRINCESS PAT"

This beautiful dahlia is a soft old rose in colour, is very large, blooms averaging from 8 to 10 inches across, and of great depth. Borne on long, stiff stems. A beauty. Tubers, 75c.

"RADIO"

A 1924 introduction that has made a sensation. A large and attractive decorative of red and yellow. Stem excellent and fine for exhibition. Tubers, \$3.50.

"ROBERT TREAT"

(Mueller)

This dahlia is unlike any other existing variety in colour, of a brilliant American Beauty rose shade, exhibition type, stiff upright stems; plants are strong growers of wide-spreading type, producing 12 to 16 perfect blooms during the season. Awarded the Robert Treat Hotel silver cup at the exhibition of The Dahlia Society of New Jersey, 1923, for the best new dahlia exhibited. Awarded the Garden Magazine Sweepstakes prize, New York, 1924, for the best dahlia never before exhibited at an A. D. S. show. Special silver medal of Penn. Hort. Society, 1924. Tubers, \$2.50.

"RODMAN WANAMAKER"

(Dec. Peo.)

The buds are pale yellow, as is each petal as it first expands, but it quickly develops into a golden-bronzy salmon-pink and finally into a beautiful bright shade of Ochraceous salmon, with a reflex of spinel pink. The flowers are of splendid texture with a luminous sheen. The plant is a profuse bloomer and they are a gorgeous sight with the many shades and tints of autumn so harmoniously blended. Tubers, \$3.50.

VALLEYFIELD DAHLIA GARDENS

"ROMAN EAGLE"

(F. & M.)

A flower that is typically an Autumn shade which has helped make this dahlia "King of the Autumn Season." Large exhibition decorative of a flaming, brilliant burnished copper, one of the most admired Dahlias in all of the Eastern shows. Flowers held well above dark green foliage on long stiff stems. Medium height plant. Awarded Cert. of Merit by D. S. of N. J., 1925, with a score of 89. Tubers, \$4.00.

"ROOKWOOD"

(Boston)

This dahlia is of an entirely new shade of rose, similar to the Mrs. Charles Russell rose, pure bright cerise rose, without the faintest touch of magenta, and is as beautiful under artificial light as the Russell rose. Flowers are large, with a good depth, and are held aloft on splendid stems. The bushes grow low and spreading and are always a mass of flowers. Tubers, \$3.00.

"ROSA NEIL"

(Broomall)

Clear bright rose colour, flowers very large, fine for exhibition, good keeper, one of the best shaped decorative dahlias in existence; is a rare colour and attracts immediate attention wherever seen. Tubers, 75c.

"SANHICAN'S BLUEBIRD"

(F. & M.)

All who have seen this noble flower in our grounds fell in love with it at once. It is a bloom of gigantic proportions and perfect in form. The colour is a most uncommon shade, at least, uncommon blending. The outer petals at maturity are bright violet-blue, while the centre retains the violet tint, the nearest approach to a blue dahlia, the whole forming an uncommonly handsome flower. Strong wiry stem. Tubers, \$3.00.

"SANHICAN'S GEM"

(F. & M.)

A grand specimen of a Giant decorative. Colour is a delightful shade of old rose, thickly suffused with amber in the young state. At maturity it is a clear old rose shade; petals are large and thickly placed, true stag-horn type. One of our best. Tubers, \$3.50.

"SANHICAN'S MAGNATE"

(F. & M.)

As the name indicates, this is one of the big fellows of the Dahlia Kingdom. Exhibition decorative of pale amaranth face tinged with a deeper amaranth pink, reverse of petals a solid scarlet colour, heavily veined. The large flowers are held erect on very stiff stems, profuse bloomer, medium height plants, dark green foliage. Awarded Cert. of Merit by D. S. of N. J., 1925. Tubers, \$6.00.

"SANHICAN'S MONARCH"

(F. & M.)

A dazzling exhibition decorative dahlia of deep Tyrian-rose at centre of flower, shading to a lighter tone at points of petals. A profuse bloomer having dark green foliage and black cane-like stems which hold the flower perfectly out of the foliage. A flower that never shows the centre either early or late; of medium tall habit of growth. Excellent keeper. Tubers, \$5.

"SHOWER OF GOLD"

(Boston)

This very large decorative is a brilliant yellow, deepening to soft apricot towards the centre. A new type with slightly fluted petals. Very strong stem and blooms freely. One of the best cut flowers. Tubers, \$1.

GOLD MEDAL DAHLIAS — 1927

"SHUDOW'S LAVENDER"

(Boston)

The very large bloom is a silvery-lavender slightly shading to white. In hot weather the white will be more marked, but as the season advances will almost entirely disappear. The stem is perfect, long and stiff, and holds erect the big blossom. Tubers, \$2.00.

"SNOWDRIFT"

(Broomall)

One of the best white decoratives. A very deep-built immense flower, with broad, waxy, pure white petals. The blooms open quickly, remaining perfect for a week. Fine for exhibition. Tubers, 75c.

"SUNSET GLOW"

(Palmer)

A wonderful exhibition decorative, even larger than Gayton; colour similar to Gayton, but darker, while petals are slightly twisted and curved forming a most attractive flower. One you should have either for garden or exhibition. Tubers, \$2.00.

"SUSAN G. TEVIS"

This variety produces an abundance of flowers throughout the season and it is among the first to bloom and holds size to the end of the season. The colour is best described as a deep shade of lilac with a bluish sheen; a very large, graceful bloom of good depth; a vigorous grower with fine, healthy foliage. Considered by many as the best 1923 novelty introduction. Tubers, \$2.50.

"THE GRIZZLY"

(Burns)

One of the very best. A great dark, velvety maroon beauty. Wonderful prize-winning dahlia. Flowers of immense size held above the fine foliage on extra strong long stems, making a fine showing. Tubers, 75c.

"TOMMY ATKINS"

(Boston)

The name was given this dahlia because of its stunning colouring, which is like the British soldier's tunic, scarlet. The large deep blossom is attractively formed and is not stiff and formal. Stem exceptionally good, and it blooms early and continuously. It is one of the brightest dahlias in the whole field. Tubers, \$2.00.

"TRENTONIAN"

(F. & M.)

A giant decorative of a shade that appeals and captivates at one glance; the colour is that of an Indian's skin, a wonderful blending of old gold, amber and coppery-bronze. This flower is highly recommended either for garden or exhibition for its size, stem and grand colour. Awarded Cert. of Merit at D. S. of N. J., scoring 89 points. Tubers, \$3.50.

"WHITE SISTER"

A beautiful, white decorative dahlia that has attracted the attention of expert dahlia growers for the past two years by its beauty and size. A free bloomer, producing flowers on very stiff stems. A prize winner wherever exhibited. Stock limited. Tubers, \$3.50.

"WONDERLAND"

In this variety we have one of the most unique novelties introduced in recent years. Flowers of large exhibition type, face of petals are of a pleasing hue of violet-carmine and reverse a deep rose-pink. Petals are twisted and curled, making a charming combination or two-toned effect of wonderful beauty. Tubers, \$5.00.

VALLEYFIELD DAHLIA GARDENS

Hybrid Cactus Dahlias

"ALICE M. LONGFELLOW"

(F. & M.)

This dahlia was named in honour of the youngest daughter of our beloved American poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Colour a blending of shrimp-pink, shading to pale gold at centre of flower, each petal tipped with pale pink, shading to white. Very floriferous; dark green foliage; medium to dwarf growing plants. A dahlia that is chosen by all who love sheer beauty. Tubers, **\$2.50.**

"ALICE WHITTIER"

(Reed)

Winner of the President Cup, at the Boston Dahlia Show, 1924. Certificate of Merit, Storrs, also at New Jersey, 1925. This immense hybrid cactus, has been grown 12 inches in New Jersey the past season. Colour is a heavy primrose or sulphur yellow and flower is evenly built with long, deep spike-like petals. The flower is well placed on long, strong, erect stems. Tall plant. A wonderful exhibition flower, as it will keep for days after cutting. Tubers, **\$7.50.**

"ATTRACTION"

One of the best of Holland origin. Large beautiful flowers on long, strong stems. Peculiar wavy petals. Colour clear lilac-rose. Tubers, **75c.**

"BREAK O' DAY"

A full high centre bloom, with back petals curved coming up through flatter ones. Colour is clear sulphur-yellow, shading to sulphur-white. Very good. Tubers, **75c.**

"CALIFORNIA ENCHANTRESS"

A large bloom of good substance. A beautiful shade of pink. Good stem. Tubers, **\$1.00.**

"CIGARETTE"

(Boston)

A hybrid cactus more vividly coloured than "Ballet Girl." Best described as creamy-white, heavily edged orange, but no two flowers are exactly alike. The petals are long and narrow and inclined to roll. Blooms large and of good substance. Stems are of the best quality. Tubers, **\$2.**

"DADDY BUTLER"

(Boston)

This is a large hybrid cactus of truest form for exhibition. The many petals are perfectly rolled. The colour is of American Beauty rose shades, or rosy-carmine and the reverse of the petals is a lighter tint, giving a variation of colour. Stem is perfect and it is a profuse bloomer; an exceptionally fine keeper when used as a cut flower. Tubers, **\$2.00.**

"ELSIE DANIELS"

Colour of this wonderful dahlia is a pale violet-orchid shade on the outer petals, centre white, making a magnificent combination of colours. Stems are long and stiff and hold the very large flowers above the foliage, one of the finest novelties. Tubers, **\$3.50.**

GOLD MEDAL DAHLIAS — 1927

"ESTHER HUNT"

(Boston)

Introduced last year but new to most dahlia lovers, and beautiful enough to be given special attention. Flowers of this variety exhibited at the A. D. S. exhibition in New York the past season attracted more attention than many of the new higher-priced varieties. It is a perfect exhibition type of hybrid cactus. Oriental orange in colour with a perfect full centre. Large flowers are held perfectly upright on the plant and it is an exceptionally fine keeper when used as a cut flower. Stock limited. Tubers, \$2.00.

"GEORGE WALTERS"

One of the very largest dahlias, on long, strong stems. Colour is salmon with a golden sheen. This is one of the best dahlias ever originated in California. Tubers, 75c.

"GLORY OF VICTORIA"

(Palmer)

We consider this one of the most attractive hybrid cactus dahlias we grow. A beautiful heavily formed blossom. Orange toward centre shading to shrimp-pink and cream towards tips. Petals revolute for two-thirds of their length with a certain indescribable twist that make this dahlia one of the first to be noticed by visitors and acclaimed an outstanding variety. Bushes of medium height. We can recommend this variety as well worth the price. Tubers, \$2.50.

"HELEN DURNBAUGH"

Delicate blush, deepening rapidly toward the centre to an intense, soft glowing pink that defies description. Blooms medium to large, and to the touch feel like satin. The greatest dahlia introduced in 1918. Tubers, 50c.

"ISLAM PATROL"

(Davies)

Very dark, velvety scarlet, tipped and flushed with gold. One of the outstanding California dahlias at all the Eastern exhibitions held last season. Wonderful long stem, especially fine keeper for exhibition purposes. Winner of many prizes in California. Tubers, \$3.50.

"JEAN CHAZOT OR GAY PAREE"

An autumn tinted cactus dahlia; the colour is a golden bronze heightened by a suffusion of nasturtium red. A joy to anyone who is wise enough to select it. Extremely free bloomer. Good stems. Tubers, \$1.00.

"JERSEY'S RADIANT"

(Waite)

An exceptionally appropriate name; a radiant dahlia of bitter sweet orange, produced on long stiff stems, held well above the foliage. A fine exhibition variety. Certificate A. D. S., 1923. Tubers, \$5.00.

"KOHINOOR"

(Boston, 1924)

It was our pleasure to grow this dahlia again this year and we can recommend it very highly. An immense deep blossom of perfect hybrid cactus type. The petals roll closely and form a magnificent incurved flower. The colour is a deep velvety maroon and at times is nearly black. Foliage is a pleasing dark green. Blossoms freely from early to late season, and flowers retain their centres. While this flower is exceptionally fine for exhibiting, its stiff stems make it an ideal cut flower as well as most ornamental in a garden. Tubers, \$2.50.

VALLEYFIELD DAHLIA GARDENS

"KING SOLOMON"

(Andrews)

A beautiful orange-buff hybrid cactus, with an iridescent sheen on the twirled and twisted petals froming an exceptionally beautiful dahlia. Perfect stem, profuse bloomer and it can truly be said that "Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed as one ofthese." Has been awarded many prizes and was one of the outstanding dahlias at all Eastern exhibitions last Fall. Highly recommended. Tubers, \$5.00.

"MacGREGOR"

A typical hybrid cactus, is a bright spectrum red; a large flower and robust grower. Tubers, \$2.00.

"MARIPOSA"

(Boston)

One of the sensations of the year. A delightful shade of true pink which is intensified by a deeper coloured centre, a faint violet suffusion adding to the effect. The veining of the petals heightens the beauty and increases the novelty of the colouring. One of the gigantic Californians which has depth as well as diameter. An absolutely firm, stiff stem, which rises clear above the foliage. A centre which is regular and perfect throughout the season. Tubers, \$2.00.

"MISS NEW YORK"

(Badetty)

A deep rose of fluffy type; free bloomer and immense flowers. Featured at 1925 American Dahlia Society, N.Y. Show. Tubers, \$5.00.

"MRS. ETHEL F. T. SMITH"

(H. C.)

Creamy white hybrid cactus shading to a lemon tint in the centre. This is one of the largest dahlias I have grown; it is a profuse bloomer, and the flowers are held far above the foliage on strong stems. Won the first prize at Oakland, Cal., for largest flower in show. Tubers, 75c.

"MRS. JOHN L. GARDNER"

A large bi-colour hybrid cactus of dazzling brilliancy; blood-red petals tipped white, full to the centre and borne on long stiff stems well above the foliage; has never produced any solid colour blossoms for me, and is a very free bloomer. Tubers, \$2.00.

"MRS. JOHN M. ROOT"

(Root)

An enormous flower of pure canary-yellow. One of the largest dahlias ever produced. The petals are long, broad and slightly twisted, giving the flower great diameter and depth. Vigorous grower. Winner of numerous awards. Tubers, \$2.50.

"MRS. W. E. ESTES"

A very fine, new, snow-white dahlia of great merit. Broad and long-pointed petals, forming a flower of great size. This is easily our best white dahlia to date. Tubers, 75c.

"PAPILLON"

(Boston)

This dahlia does exceptionally well in the East; it is of a beautiful shade of old rose with golden lights, but decidedly different in colouring from "George Walters," which it greatly resembles. Fine stems. Tubers, \$2.00.

GOLD MEDAL DAHLIAS — 1927

“PROMETHEUS”

(Stout)

Mrs. Stout considers this the best dahlia she has introduced so far. The plants are profuse in their blooms; the large flowers are held erect on long stiff stems, and have been called hybrid cactus, although the petals are revolute practically their entire length. The colour is a golden-fawn, overlaid with salmon, and the blossoms are full to the centre all season. One of the most artistic dahlias ever put on the market. First prize, A. D. S., 1922, for “Vase of Twelve, any other colour.” Tubers, \$1.50.

“ROLLO BOY”

(Pelican)

This large size hybrid is carried perfectly erect on a strong stem. Colour a delicate shade of amber shading to old gold. It is a vigorous grower and recommended for all purposes. Tubers, \$3.00.

“ROSE ASH”

(Boston)

If you like “Rose Ash,” the beautiful California Gladiolus, you will like the dahlia “Rose Ash,” which is slightly lighter in colour than the glad. Outside of petals is tan, heavily edged with pink and shaded with chrome yellow, the reverse of petals smoky-pink and the effect of this peculiar blending of colours is “Ashes of Roses.” Free bloomer, exhibition hybrid cactus, stems stiff. Tubers, \$2.50.

“SHIRLEY BROWN”

A splendid acquisition to this group; a large artistically formed flower of bright golden-orange. Tubers, \$1.00.

“SISKIYOU”

(Broomall)

Pink-tinged mauve. One of the very largest flowers ever originated; it has created a sensation wherever exhibited. Flowers held perfectly erect on long stiff stems. Tubers, \$2.50.

“TALISMAN”

(B. B.)

If you are looking for a new combination in autumn tints here it is. This big full hybrid cactus has a brownish-red colour, with a reverse of tan, the petals are long and many, incurve slightly, and open at the tips showing plainly the tan at the back. The centre is also tan. Excellent stems. Tubers, \$1.50.

“THE BANDIT”

(Reed)

One of the most striking hybrid cactus dahlias to date. Colour spectrum red with black of petals buff-yellow; reverse petals twist and curl, which makes the large blossoms very attractive. Flowering habit profuse, stems are strong and erect, carrying the flowers on the top. Scored 88; this was the second highest scoring dahlia at Storrs, 1924. Won first prize at Nebraska in strong class, 1925. Award of Merit at New Brunswick, N.J., 1925. Tubers, \$7.50.

“TOM LUNDY”

A very large California variety on good stem. Colour is deep crimson. Tubers, 50c.

“VIOLETTA”

(Waite)

Colour is petunia-violet, very large flower which stands on top of the stem. Free bloomer and very much admired. Tubers, \$2.50.

VALLEYFIELD DAHLIA GARDENS

“WASHINGTON CITY”

The gigantic, pure-white, star-like flowers of this variety were greatly admired in my garden the past season. It has long stems which hold the flower erect. Tubers, 75c.



Cactus Dahlias

“ALABASTER”

A flower of purest white. Blooms large and incurved. Plants sturdy and dwarf, carrying flowers erect on stout stems. Tubers, \$1.00.

“AMBER GLOW”

This very large cactus has long narrow petals; the colour is bright yellow, deepening to pale orange at the centre. Tubers, \$1.00.

“BALLET GIRL”

A bush of this variety will contain such a riot of colours that it is no fun to describe it. There will be pure orange blooms, some orange with white edges, white shading to orange. All are beautiful and very large. Fine for exhibition. Tubers, \$1.00.

“BEARCLAWS”

(Staats)

An American incurved cactus of enormous size, with a stiff stem. Colour a clear Burgundy, profuse bloomer and one of the largest it has been our pleasure to grow. Highly recommended. Tubers, \$2.50.

“BIANCA”

A Holland variety that has attracted great attention and favourable comment. Gigantic size and splendid form, on long, strong stems. Colour an exquisite rose. Good habit, free bloomer. Tubers, 50c.

“F. W. FELLOWES”

Considered the finest English cactus dahlia in cultivation; outer petals straight. The colour is bright orange-scarlet, the stem straight and wiry; a very large flower and a strong grower. Tubers, 75c.

“GEN. SMITH DORRIEN”

Very fine incurved cactus of a coral red. Tubers, 50c.

“GOLDEN WEST”

A popular cut flower variety in golden orange. Tubers, 50c.

“GOLDWYN”

(Jost)

This is a true cactus with a fine stem, of a beautiful blending of cream and pink. Free bloomer, winner of the A. D. S. gold medal as a seedling, hence its name. Tubers, \$3.00.

“KAKADEE”

A Scottish creation. A dwarf growing variety, with large flowers on good stems, carried well above the foliage. Colour pale yellow centre, passing to white tips. Particularly fine. Tubers, 50c.

“LIEUT. ROBINSON, V.C.”

One of the indispensables to the up-to-date exhibitor. The flowers are of large size, composed of a mass of narrow florets, incurving, twisting and interlacing. Colour clear ruby, with amaranth at tips. Tubers, 50c.

GOLD MEDAL DAHLIAS — 1927

"MAHOGANY"

(Murphy)

A real American exhibition cactus; dark velvet red with long narrow cactus petals. Flowers borne on long, straight, stiff stems. One of the rich red shades that makes the sun dance. We can recommend this as being one of the finest cactus varieties. Tubers, \$4.00.

"MERCEDES"

(Boston)

Another American cactus that was a pleasure to grow. Perfectly straight stem; a gay and entrancing flower of creamy yellow suffused with sunset pink, reverse of straight petals is splashed with deeper pink. Exhibition size. An early and free bloomer. Tubers, \$3.00.

"MRS. KATHERINE LANSDOWNE FIELD"

(Mastick)

A bright glowing scarlet distinctly tipped white, with rolled incurved petals. Its graceful flowers are held on long upright stems. One of the very few fancy dahlias that always come true to type. Free bloomer. Tubers, 75c.

"REGENT"

This dahlia has immense size and is a very free bloomer; colour a clear mauve-pink, the petals incurve so as to completely hide the centre. Tubers, \$1.00.

"ROYALIST"

Extra free bloomer of very large size; fine for exhibition; of a rich garnet-red. Tubers, 50c.

"WINTER TIME"

(Murphy)

The best white American cactus we have grown. Fine strong plant, good stems, profusion of bloom and size, all the characteristics of a good dahlia. Tubers, \$3.00.



Peony or "Art" Dahlias

"CARDINAL MERCIER"

This mammoth dahlia is a deep flesh pink with slight veins of canary shooting up from the base of the petals in the center. Then appears a glistening sheen of white, flesh pink. The curly formation of the florets is remarkable. Very large flowers, coming 9 and 10 inches, one of Stillman's best introductions. Tubers, \$1.50.

"CREAM KING"

An English peony of great merit; flower cream yellow on good stems; an upright grower. Tubers, 50c.

"FANTASTIQUE"

(Orchid Peony)

This dahlia is semi-double with irregular cup-shaped florets, curled and twisted in a manner that gives the appearance of an orchid. Its colour is a deep wine crimson tipped and bordered with a glistening white, and is borne erect on a long graceful stem. Tubers, 50c.

"FOREST LOMA"

(Stillman)

Deep cerise pink, blotched and streaked canary yellow, with yellow at centre. Petals are finely formed and numerous and curled at points. Very large. Tubers, 50c.

VALLEYFIELD DAHLIA GARDENS

"ISABEL MASSON"

(F. & M. 1925 Novelty)

A delightful blend of flesh-pink, old rose and gold, the former predominating. Blooms are freely produced, and assume great proportions, which with a splendid stem and its rare colour, place it with the best of the exhibition class. Exhibited at 1924 N. Y. show as Seedling 1,000. Tubers, \$2.00.

"MEYERBEER"

(Nonin)

An immense bloom of fascinating purple. Fine stem and free flowering. Never enough of this variety to supply the demand. Tubers, 75c.

"MRS. JESSIE L. SEAL"

A wonderful deep bloom of great size; a beautiful shade of salmon-pink. Splendid stem. Tubers, \$1.00.

"PERLE RUGGLES"

One of the largest and most exquisitely coloured. A carmine rose suffused with pink shading lighter to tips and to white at the base of petals. Extra long, fine stems. The long petals twist and curl and the yellow disc is surrounded with lovely little florets, giving the whole a very artistic effect. Tubers, 75c.

"RUTH C. DENNISON"

(F. & M.)

A stiff-stemmed peony type of a rich "Bergundy" shade, tipped vermillion. Petals are curled and twisted in a delightful manner that captivates at once. A medium tall variety and profuse bloomer. Tubers, \$1.50.

"SWASTIKA"

(F. & M. 1925 Novelty)

Essentially a wonderful flower for those who love rich colour. A rich coral-pink with wonderful golden sheen, that glistens in the sunlight like gold dust. A fine, full, fluffy flower, plant of medium height; flowers freely produced on slender but good stems. Tubers, \$1.50.

"THE BILLIONAIRE"

An enormous peony, one of the largest of its type grown. Beautiful shade of golden orange. Tubers, \$1.00.

"THE U. S. A."

A very beautiful dahlia of vivid orange colouring; very large and full, and free bloomer. Tubers, 75c.

"UNCLE SAM"

(M. & S.)

Colour orange-buff at base of petals, shading to bitter sweet pink at tips, all overlaid with a beautiful golden sheen. Centre petals mustard-yellow streaked with deep rose-pink and beautifully curled and twisted. One of the largest flowers in existence. Tubers, \$1.50.

"VIVANDIERE"

(Boston)

Cerise carmine, shading lighter at the tips of the petals. The flower has a peculiar velvety texture that makes it most desirable. An immense deep peony. Stems excellent and free bloomer. Tubers, \$1.00.



Show Dahlias

"CUBAN GIANT"

A large dark crimson flower, a tall grower. Tubers, 35c.

GOLD MEDAL DAHLIAS — 1927

"FASCINATION"

Deep pink of perfect form, the beautifully quilled petals forming a ball. Fine stem and a very prolific bloomer. Best pink show. Tubers, 35c.

"GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY"

Rich buttercup-yellow, shaded burnt orange directly in the centre of each bloom; a sport from "Clara Seaton." Tubers, 50c.

"GOLD MEDAL"

Fancy, bright lemon-yellow, regularly striped dark crimson. A bold and striking flower of pure autumn colourings. Tubers, 75c.

"KING OF SHOWS"

Deep butter-yellow of a solid colour throughout. Every petal is most perfectly quilled and uniquely formed. A mammoth flower, on long stems. It is without doubt the finest show dahlia ever grown, and should be seen to be appreciated. Tubers, 75c.

"LES AMOURS DE MADAME"

Cerise, striped darker; very large. Tubers, 50c.

"MAUD ADAMS"

An exquisite flower of white with delicate pink tip to each of its tightly quilled petals. Bushes loaded with blossoms, and a general favourite. Tubers, 35c.

"MME. MARIE AGNOSTOKI"

Large, pale pink. Tubers, 50c.

"W. W. RAWSON"

One of the most popular show dahlias. Its massive perfect flowers are borne on perfectly stiff stems. The colour is pure white overlaid with amethyst. Tubers, 35c.



Anemone-Flowered Dahlias

A variety not generally known, but which for its beauty, grace and use as a cut flower should be in every garden in quantity. The flower in size and form is almost identical with scabious (pin-cushion flower), being entirely different in appearance to any other dahlia, and were it not for the typical dahlia bush and foliage, one could hardly imagine they were a dahlia.

They comprise a good range of colours from pinks and yellows to reds and cerises, with combinations of these colours.

We cannot recommend them too highly, as they are profuse bloomers and most effective for table decoration.

Just send in a trial order for a few of these tubers, and you will want more. Price 6 tubers for \$2.00; or \$3.50 per dozen.



Collarette Dahlias

We are not keeping these under name, but can supply these at 50c each, or \$5.00 a dozen.

To those not acquainted with Collarette Dahlias, will say they are a single dahlia with a fringe or collar of small petals about the centre; this collar is nearly always of a contrasting colour, making this variety very effective for cutting.

Pompom Dahlias

These beautiful little dahlias, a miniature show dahlia in type, usually not measuring more than two inches in diameter, and some smaller, are perfectly quilled, forming a ball, and have been so vastly improved that a range of colour equal to that in the larger sorts may now be obtained. For edgings or lawn beds they are ideal, their habit being dwarf, and they are always a mass of bloom. We are not keeping these dahlias under name, but have a collection of over 30 very beautiful little Poms, and while they last will sell them at 6 for \$2.00 or \$3.50 per dozen. Do not omit to include some of these in your order, as these are our greatest sellers.

Dahlias in Mixture

These are dahlias that have been mixed in handling and are unnamed, and we cannot guarantee that they will be all different, but the majority will be. These are worth many times the price, and will make a beauty spot out of an otherwise unattractive corner of the garden. Tubers, 25¢ each; \$2.75 per doz.; or 25 tubers for \$5.00.

Dahlia Collections

To those unacquainted with the different forms and types of dahlias, we offer collections of dahlias at \$5, \$10, and \$25. There will be ten different dahlias in each collection, and the value will be at least 25% more than the price paid. We will send varieties that will be sure to please, of our choice.

Gladioli

The Queen of Summer Bulbs—wonderful lasting cut flowers. The array of colouring, and size of bloom of the wonderful gladiolus is an education to those who have not kept pace with the wonderful improvement in this flower in recent years. The cost is low, and they increase rapidly.

Nothing is gained by planting gladioli too early before the ground is properly warmed. From middle of April to end of May will be found about right, depending on soil, weather conditions, etc.

In heavy soil a planting depth of three inches will be found sufficient, provided bulbs can be watered during hot dry spells. In light sandy soils four inches will be better. In general practise it will be found that the shallower the bulbs are planted, within reason, the greater the increase will be.

Four to six inches apart in the rows will give them ample room. Till flower spikes appear the bulbs should not require much watering, as thorough cultivation should be sufficient to keep them growing well. After flower spikes form, a good soaking every ten days or so should prove beneficial. Gladioli should not be allowed to go to seed, and if the weather is still very dry after the bulbs have flowered, they should still be watered well, as the larger part of bulb growth is effected after flowering.

In the fall dig the bulbs as soon as the leaves begin to turn yellow, cutting the stem off half an inch above bulb. Dry thoroughly in sun or

GOLD MEDAL DAHLIAS — 1927

hot room, and when dry remove roots and old bulb, saving your bulblets for planting next year, for flowering two years later. Your old bulb should have made anywhere from one to four new large bulbs and a number of bulblets.

Store in a DRY FROST-PROOF room.

We are again offering a few of the better-known standard sorts, every one a gem, and they are priced so low that they should go very quickly.

“ALICE TIPLADY”

(Kunderd) (Prim)

A great acquisition; rich orange-saffron, a little ruffled, wide open flower; the two lower side petals are a shade lighter. The three outside petals are exceptionally large. This creation has no peer. Bulbs, 6c each; 50c per doz.; \$4.00 per 100.

“ARDEN”

(Kunderd) (Prim)

Tall, large-flowered, wide open, deep watermelon red blended lighter shade; the finest in this colour. Bulbs, 10c each; \$1.00 per dozen.

“CRIMSON GLOW”

(Betscher)

By far the most beautiful red gladiolus yet on the market. A perfect scarlet of a deep tone. Very large, open flowers of the finest form, and exceedingly well placed on the spike. Bulbs, 10c each; 75c per doz.; \$5.00 per 100.

“E. J. SHAYLOR”

(Prim)

Tall, very strong plant and large blooms. A beautiful, pure deep rose-pink. Extra choice. Bulbs, 10c each; \$1.00 per doz.; \$6.00 per 100.

“ELBERTON”

(Kunderd) (Prim)

Beautiful light yellow to cream. Lower petals and throat deeper. Blooms large and wide open. The best of this colour. Bulb, 5c each; 50c per doz.; \$4.00 per 100.

“EVELYN KIRTLAND”

(Austin)

Very tall slender spike. Blossoms an exquisite shade of melting pink, deepening toward the edge; brilliant scarlet blotches on lower petals. A marvelously beautiful flower and a great prize winner. Bulbs, 5c each; 50c per doz.; \$4.00 per 100.

“GOLDEN MEASURE”

A magnificent yellow gladiolus. Very large open flowers, rich corn yellow; immense spike. Bulbs, 20c each; \$2.00 per doz.

“HALLEY”

Salmon-pink, large open flowers. Tall early bloomer. A very profitable market variety. Bulbs, 4c each; 40c per doz.; \$3.00 per 100.

“1910 ROSE”

A pure rich rose-pink, and one of the finest of the shade in cultivation. Bulbs, 10c each; \$1.00 per doz.

“LINTON”

(Prim)

Showy orange-red, with lower petals a lighter shade; orange-red throat. One of the most desirable varieties for cutting, and a favourite of ours. Bulbs, 5c each; 50c per doz.; \$3.50 per 100.

VALLEYFIELD DAHLIA GARDENS

"MAIDEN'S BLUSH"

(Grullmemens) (Prim)

One of the finest of the primulinus hybrids. The colour is a delicate shade of pink. The blooms are wide open and are carried on long graceful stems. Bulbs, 8c each; 75c per doz.; \$5.00 per 100.

"MRS. H. E. BOTHIN"

Flesh-salmon-pink, flame-scarlet centre; strong; a first-class show variety. One of the loveliest colour combinations in gladioli. A great improvement on "Pendleton." We recommend everyone to procure as many bulbs as possible of this variety. Bulbs, 10c; \$1.00 per doz.

"PRINCE OF WALES"

(Kelway)

An improved "Halley." Large clear grenadine-pink with deeper throat markings. Excellent substance. Beautiful, early blooming, and fine for cutting. Bulbs, 5c each; 50c per doz.

"ROANOKE"

(Prim)

A vigorous and large rich yellow; extra good cut flowers. Bulbs, 6c each; 50c per doz.; \$3.00 per 100.

"SALMON BEAUTY"

(Prim)

Very large flowered deep salmon, rich salmon-yellow throat; very fine. Bulbs, 10c each; \$1.00 per doz.



Gladioli in Mixture

We have a very fine mixture of gladiolus bulbs, which we are selling at the exceptional price of 50c per doz.; \$3.00 per 100., postpaid.



Special Gladiolus Offer

Six bulbs each of the fifteen named varieties of gladioli listed above (90 bulbs), catalogue value \$7.92, for \$6.35, postpaid.

Twelve bulbs each (180 bulbs), catalogue value \$11.90, for \$9.30, postpaid.



Flower and Vegetable Seeds

Each year we receive many requests for a seed catalogue. This we do not issue, but for seeds of the highest quality and germination we suggest you write to Fred J. James & Bros., Ganges, Salt Spring Island, B.C., and you will receive their catalogue by return mail. This contains all seeds you will need for your garden, and we know you will receive prompt and careful service, and liberal treatment.

The Reason for the Rapid Increase In Our Business

Swift Current, Sask.,
January 25th, 1927

I got from you last season Gladioli and Dalias, and they were splendid. Every one came on, and the flowers were the very best that one could wish to have.

(Signed) W. M-----

Kewatin, Ont.,
January 12th, 1927

Would you let me have a copy of your 1927 catalogue per return? I was very well pleased with the Dalias I had from you last year.

(Signed) J. F-----

Mount Hamilton, Ont.,
November 4th, 1926

Just a word or two in reference to the Dalia tubers you supplied me last spring. Must say they did well; all but "Mrs. Schepers" grew and bloomed, but it rotted on me, but "Mable Thatchier" that you sent me gratis, fully made up for that, as it was the best of the lot, and I was very pleased to have such a wonderful yellow.

I made four entries at the Hamilton show, and got four FIRST PRIZES. Amongst these I showed, "Mable Thatchier," "Rose Nell," "Annn Ra," "Jersey's Beauty," "Mrs. L. de ver Warner" and "Kitty Dunlap," all of which I got from you. I am now busy getting them up. Shall want more tubers next spring, and shall be looking for your catalogue.

(Signed) A. B-----

Drumheller, Alta.,
February 3rd, 1927

I was very pleased with the dalia tubers I got from you last year. At the Horticultural Show here I won FIRST PRIZE FOR THE BEST INDIVIDUAL BLOOM with Mariposa, one of the tubers I received from you. It was a magnificent flower, perfect in every detail, measuring eleven inches across with a 17-inch stem. Kindly send me your catalogue for this season.

(Signed) S. A. E-----

ORDER SHEET

Valleyfield Dahlia Gardens

T. W. PALMER, Proprietor

R. M. D. No. 4 VICTORIA, B.C.

..... 192

Name

Address

Please write plainly

Do not write here

Order No.

Am't Rec'd \$.....

Order Rec'd

Order Shipped.....

Remarks.....

Shall I substitute for any that are sold out?..... Amount Enclosed \$.....

"THE WORLD'S FINEST DAHLIA CREATIONS"

Instructions for Ordering

ORDER EARLY. It is well to order early, as the demand for many of the newest novelties often exceeds the supply, and the best of the standard sorts are in great demand.

Orders are filled strictly in rotation, and all orders are shipped between April 15th and May 15th, the best planting time, by mail or express prepaid. If shipped earlier it is at customers' own risk. On orders under \$1.00 in value, add 10c postage.

We guarantee safe arrival, and that all bulbs will have a strong eye and be true to name. In this connection, it might be as well to mention that the size of the tuber signifies nothing. Some varieties make large tubers, others small ones. As long as the tuber has an eye it is good, as the function of the tuber is merely to nourish the eye till planted and roots form. In most cases a small tuber is better than a large one—in fact we cut our large tubers in half.

All orders are filled before we plant ourselves, so consequently we send out all the best of the tubers to our customers.

TERMS:

Cash with order.

Kindly use enclosed order sheet.

REFERENCE:

ROYAL BANK OF CANADA
VICTORIA WEST BRANCH

Designed and Printed by
MCBEATH SPEDDING LIMITED
VANCOUVER, B.C.